GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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COAL DISTRIBUTION POLICY
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to replace e-auction system for marketing of coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has constituted a committee to finalise coal distribution policy;

(d) if so, whether the said committee has submitted its report;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the time by which the committee is likely to submit its report?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a)to(f): The sale of coal through e-auction introduced in the year 2004-05 has been discontinued as per of the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court. Coal India Limited has, in the interim, put in place E-booking scheme to ensure that the supply of coal to non-linked consumers does not suffer. Keeping in view the observations and directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, a Committee has been constituted on 29th December,2006 under the Chairmanship of Secretary(Coal) to evolve a new policy for distribution of coal. The Committee is likely to submit its report shortly.